

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, first I would ask for a Call of the House.

SENATOR KAHLE: The question is, shall the House go under Call? Do I see five hands? I guess we don't need that. We need to vote on it. The issue is, shall the House go under Call. The question is, shall the House go under Call? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

SENATOR KAHLE: The House is under Call. Sergeant at Arms, please bring in those who are out in the narthex, narthex, that's in a church, isn't it, out in the rotunda, and all of those within hearing please return to the Chamber and please check in. Please check in. Senator Nichol. Thank you. Higgins, Senator Scofield, Von Minden, Beutler, Senator Clark, Senator Haberman, he is here. Senator Haberman, will you check in, please? Senator Clark and Senator Schmit are still absent. Would you want to begin your closing, Senator Peterson?

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I will call your attention again to the item that I put out on behalf of the Missouri Synod which I believe very adequately covers the arguments in this regard specifically. I want to read just one section. "We reject the kind of reasoning even in 1984 which concludes that state bureaucracy is better informed, more caring, better equipped to determine what constitutes a valid preschool program than are the parents of students who choose to enroll their children and the Christian congregations which operate preschool as a part of their ministry to the community." I submit to the members of this Legislature that every one of these churches has a board that is operating. I submit to you that every one of these churches meets the fire and safety hazards or they wouldn't even be in existence. So what are we talking about? They are already covered by our present statute. So all we are trying to do it seems to me in this 130 is to open the door, put the nose under the camel's tent and actually start to